

CAN THE SOVIET UNION "STAND DOWN"?

1. The structure of the Soviet system will frustrate any serious effort by the leadership to shift resources away from the military sector.
2. How the planning cycle works.
3. How the military-industrial complex operates.
4. The role of the military sector in the Soviet economy--burden or engine.
5. Bureaucratic resistance.
6. What a genuine effort to launch a shift of resources would look like if actually attempted.
7. Implications for US policymakers.